

ENTER-312
DME
3/1/05

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. This change introduces no new matter and support for the change is present in the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. Any changes made are done without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

Listing of Claims:

1-47. (Cancelled).

48. (Currently Amended) A method of producing influenza virus, the method comprising: a) culturing a host cell that comprises i) replicable influenza RNA molecules transcribed ~~from~~ by a DNA-dependent RNA polymerase and ii) vector DNA that encodes and expresses influenza RNA polymerase and nucleoprotein, such that the influenza RNA polymerase replicates the influenza RNA molecules and, b) recovering the influenza virus from the culture.

49-53. (Cancelled).

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the vector DNA encodes PA, PB1, PB2, and NP.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein PA, PB1, PB2, and NP are encoded by separate vectors.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, 54, or 55, wherein the DNA comprises cDNA.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the influenza RNA molecules encode a modified influenza gene.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57, wherein the gene is HA.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, 54, or 55, wherein one or more of PA, PB1, PB2, and NP are constitutively expressed by the cell.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein the influenza RNA molecules encode a modified influenza gene.